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## **Cultural Heritage Center Invites Visitors for Fourth of July Weekend**

PIERRE, S.D. – Local and area residents and their guests are encouraged to visit the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre over the Fourth of July weekend.

The museum and Heritage Store, located northeast of the state Capitol at 900 Governors Drive, will be open 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. CDT on Friday, July 3.

The museum and store will be open 1-4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, July 4-5. All other State Historical Society offices, including the State Archives, will be closed both of those days.

The State Archives is usually open for researchers 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. the first Saturday of each month and Monday-Friday.

“It’s going to be a hot weekend,” said Jay D. Vogt, director of the South Dakota State Historical Society, headquartered at the Cultural Heritage Center. “We invite people to come into our 68-degree environment and see all the cool things we have representing South Dakota history.”

The newest exhibit in the museum, “Play Ball! The National Pastime in South Dakota,” explores the state’s rich baseball history.

“This exhibit has gotten rave reviews and is a fun and educational experience for the entire family,” Vogt said.

Regular museum summer hours are 9 a.m.-6:30 p.m. CDT Monday-Saturday and 1-4:30 p.m. on Sundays. There is a small admission fee for adults, with free admission the first Sunday of each month; children 17-and-younger always get in free.

Call (605) 773-3458 for more information or visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov).

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*The South Dakota State Historical Society is a division of the Department of Education. The State Historical Society, an Affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution, is headquartered at the South Dakota Cultural Heritage Center in Pierre. The center houses the society’s world-class museum, the archives, and the historic preservation, publishing and administrative/development offices. Call (605) 773-3458 or visit [www.history.sd.gov](http://www.history.sd.gov) for more information. The society also has an archaeology office in Rapid City; call (605) 394-1936 for more information.*